

II. General

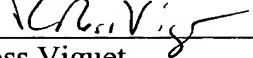
The Office Action mailed July 10, 2002, sets forth 2 separate terminal disclaimer requirements with respect to the present application. Specifically, the present claims are rejected therein under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness double patenting over the claims of Applicant's prior patent numbers 5,801,944 and 6,208,980. Applicant intends to file terminal disclaimers in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1321.(c) with respect to patent numbers 5,801,944 and 6,208,980 if the requirement for terminal disclaimers is maintained upon the Examiner's indication that the present claims are allowable over the prior art.

III. Summary

In view of the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection and to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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